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Haley Nichols of the Didsbury High School Jazz Ensemble solos on the sax at the Student Jazz Night at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds. Jazz Fest saw 200 Chinook School Division students from seven schools in 11 ensembles take part in instrument workshops and ensemble clinics for two days at the Zion Church in Didsbury Nov. 25 and 26.



CAO Roy Brown fired

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury has fired its controversial chief administrative officer Roy Brown after 10 years of employment with the town.



FORMER
 DIDSBURY CAO
 ROY BROWN

After an in-camera session on Nov. 24, council voted "that council terminate the employment of chief administrative officer Roy Brown effective immediately."

Council, through the town administration, released the minutes of the meeting, but would not make any further comment.

How the mayor and councillors voted individually on the termination was not recorded and only Coun. Garth Hollinger was absent from the meeting. Brown, hired in July 2005, was fired with cause and without further pay.

Brown went on sick leave June 10 after being hospitalized the day before.

On July 16, during his sick leave, he terminated three Town of Didsbury staff members without giving council a heads-up and said he had been working with town managers "over a number of months to find efficiencies in the organization."

Council then named Greg Skotheim, manager of public works and infrastructure as acting chief administrative officer, and began a search, with the assistance of municipal headhunter Ravenhill Group, for a permanent replacement for Brown who was scheduled to retire when his contract expired in the

spring of 2016.

Council also embarked on a review of Brown's conduct and requested that Alberta Municipal Affairs review his conduct too. The department declined.

On Aug. 4, Brown offered in a letter to Mayor Rick Mousseau "to work at reaching an agreement with Council that would allow Council to move forward

with hiring a new Chief Administrative Officer." Council did not respond.

In early October Brown disclosed his intention to return from sick leave after Thanksgiving, but held off. Talks between him and the town continued.

Last week, council reviewed its options and legal advice and fired Brown.

Don't worry be happy report prompts meet

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

Didsbury council has doubled down on its scrutiny of the fire hall project after receiving an unsatisfactory first written report in a new regime of oversight instituted Nov. 10.

The first report was tabled at the Nov. 24 meeting. The report, originated by Derek Sutherland, Didsbury's manager of protective services, said "the fire hall project is progressing nicely."

"Administration has met with Provincial Steel Buildings... and is satisfied that the building is being built with customer service and attention to detail."

Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy said, "This is not what we expected."

There will now be a meeting with Mayor Rick Mousseau, Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy, administration, general contractor Provincial Steel Buildings

and project manager Ron Vogel.

At the Nov. 10 meeting, council directed that the Fire Advisory Committee provide council with a written report at each council meeting.

The two council members on the fire hall advisory committee, Sheila Schulz and Garth Hollinger, did not author the Nov. 17 report nor did the two Mountain View County representatives.

The report addresses none of the concerns raised by the self-described "squeaky wheel" plumbing and electrical contractors.

The report said erectors are putting up the walls and the electricity supplier is burying power lines and installing services this month. Administration has suggested that \$25,000 in upgrades be done to increase operational efficiency.

Construction fell behind schedule and the move-in date is now June 1, 2016. However, it is still on budget, the report stated.



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200 students participate in dialogue at Jazz Fest



Didsbury High School Evens Jazz Ensemble members (from left) Kaelen Epp, Robert Connors, Kassie Miller, Ivories Tracanelli, Haley Nicols, Makale Soederhuyzen and Trinity Wilson perform during the CESD Student Jazz Night at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds on Nov. 25.



Calgary Jazz Orchestra leader Johnny Summers sings during the group's performance of Happy. Summers was also the ensemble clinician at Jazz Fest at Zion Church in Didsbury Nov. 25 and 26.

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Jazz Fest, Nov. 25 and 26, is what the agora in Athens three thousand years ago looked like if you had added saxophones and drums, a bass and piano, trumpets and trombones.

Let Plato play tenor sax, Socrates a trumpet and ask Aristotle to do the vocals.

Jazz is the dialogue of music, a creation in real time, a conversation between musician and musician, between instruments, between the band and the audience in which the music itself is one of the voices in the conversation.

The Greek philosophers

practised dialogue.

It's how they taught, learned and created on the steps of their outdoor learning forum amid the bustle and trade of a port on the Aegean Sea.

How Plato explained the cave and shadows and the philosopher king of the Republic, how Aristotle developed his ethics and politics, how Socrates defended himself against the accusation of a capital crime and decided to drink hemlock and die rather than being put to death by his fellow citizens.

It all happened in a dialogue, in an endless exchange of questions, answers and revisions.

Dialogue is what the stu-

dents in Jazz Fest did in two days of jazz ensemble clinics and instrument workshops held in Didsbury's Zion church taught by members of the Calgary Jazz Orchestra.

Johnny Summers, a trumpet player and vocalist with the Calgary Jazz Orchestra, was the ensemble clinician and did it, he said, because he enjoys watching students getting out of their shells.

"High school students of this age are afraid of making mistakes, and when they overcome that they do better," Summers said.

"It isn't just that they make better music, it's that their lives change."

So in the ensemble clin-

ics Summers, an easy-going, approachable teacher, talked to the students about their musical technique: articulating notes, clarity, being solid about being free to make mistakes.

"What's the worst thing you can do?" he asked in one dialogue.

"Play the wrong note," came the answer.

"What's so bad about that?" Summers asked.

That's called the Socratic method of teaching because learning depends on dialogue between the teacher and students and the students and students.

It is teaching by asking questions instead of giving answers and Summers comes to it because great jazz is the improvisation of an endless chain of musical questions and answers.

Jazz Fest also featured two concerts at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds. On Nov. 25 ensembles from the Olds, Innisfail, Cremona and Didsbury schools that attended Jazz Fest played and on Nov. 26 the Calgary Jazz Orchestra performed.

Kirk Wassmer, music teacher at Didsbury High School, organizes Jazz Fest. No one takes attendance but Wassmer said about 200 students in 11 jazz ensembles from seven middle and high schools in Chinook's Edge School Division came. Wassmer thanked the Mountain View Credit Union, the Olds Rotary Club and Chinook's Edge School Division for their financial support for a very unique teaching and learning event.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesdays December 8 & 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday December 9, 2015 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Unhappy taxpayers get a sit-down with council

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Property tax concessions for businesses using technically vacant non-residential lots to house vehicles for work purposes will be discussed in a meeting with the taxpayers, town council members and Town of Didsbury administration.

Lowell Grasse of Grasse Lumber Sales appeared before council Nov. 24 to ask the town to overturn a decision earlier this year to no longer grant tax concessions for the lots that his lumber sales company, Dick's Trucking, Gil's Truck and Auto Repair, Res-Q Towing, and property owner John Hladych have.

The chamber of commerce ABCD committee also joined his presentation.

Grasse acknowledged the town needs a tax mechanism to deter speculators from holding on to

undeveloped commercial land for many years at little cost.

However the decision to rescind tax concessions that have been given to businesses to park vehicles is punitive to operating businesses, Grasse said.

The lots in question have been paved or graded and gravelled, fenced and are maintained and groomed. They are used for parking numerous vehicles that the town and citizens don't want parked on the streets, he said.

Solutions offered by the town don't work, particularly the recommendation that the lots in question be merged with adjacent developed lots used by the business.

Grasse said that the lots have different owners or different lenders and other technical obstacles that prevent simply merging the lots with the developed property as a way to deem the property as developed.

"Let's work together to promote business in Didsbury," Grasse urged.

Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy said councillors should sit down with the property owners to go over their paperwork with them and be educated as to their side of the story.

Grasse agreed that a get-together would be a good step to solving the impasse.

Town administration will organize a meeting at a date to be announced.

Hosts wanted for 2016 student exchange

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury is asking for families to host Japanese students from March 17 to 22, 2016 in the annual educational and cultural exchange with the twin community of Miki Town.

This will be the 11th year of the program, said Christofer Atchison, the town's manager of legislative services.

Participating families open their homes and daily lives to the students and close and lasting friendships

have resulted from past exchanges, Atchison said.

The visiting students participate in the daily life of the families – going to hockey practices, grocery shopping, seeing farm animals first hand and attending events and activities that are being planned.

"This need not be expensive or extravagant," said Atchison. "There are no set prerequisites for participating families."

To participate or to get further information call the town office at 403-334-3301 or visit the website at www.didsbury.ca.

Didsbury artist featured at museum

BY JOSEPH HO
MVP Staff

The Mountain View Museum and Archives is currently displaying pieces by Didsbury artist Jean Elliott until the end of November.

The exhibit is called Jean's Journey through Art because it includes her work from the 1970s until now.

Elliott's career spans more than 40 years in different media and the

display includes pieces from each decade.

She started with sewing in the 1970s, picking up after her mother, a seamstress.

In the 1980s, she tried painting and crocheted.

She moved on to cross-hatching in the 1990s, a technique where the artist draws by penning lines.

Then in the 2000s, Elliott quilted and did some photography.

Elliott is currently making glass

art, for which she was accepted into the Wellspring Visual Art Network Association.

She fuses sheets of glass together in a kiln, a type of oven that raises temperatures higher than 800 C. Then she shapes the glass with other tools.

Elliott said she's still learning and experimenting with glass art and has no plans yet to switch to a different medium.

Police expect thefts to increase during the holidays

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

For many people, Christmas is a time to give, but for some people, it provides an opportunity to steal.

Didsbury RCMP officers are advising people to lock their doors as they are expecting an increase in break and enters and thefts this holiday season.

"People should actually start taking precautions – making sure their residences are locked, presents aren't in plain view of people looking in your windows and stuff like that," said Cpl. Clint Gulash.

"Because that's what people are targeting, especially once people start putting up Christmas trees and presents underneath of it."

He said rural areas are especially targeted and people also follow UPS and postal truck drivers to steal boxes they deliver outside of residences.

"People have to be vigilant. If they know they

ordered something through Amazon or whatever and it doesn't show up, it's probably because it got stolen off their front porch," he said.

He was a victim of this himself and had a package stolen off his front step last year. A woman from Airdrie was charged in the case.

"They don't know what's in the boxes. They're just following the person and as they drop off stuff at the houses, as soon as they drive away, they run up, grab it and just keep following."

He said if people purchase items online they should be tracking them and making sure they know the expected delivery date.

He encourages people to report stolen packages to the RCMP detachment as soon as possible.

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December 24 - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service 7:00 pm
Merry Christmas

Knox United Church Worship Services

The season of Advent and Christmas will soon be here and we this congregation of Knox United Church would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our worship services. We have a choir under the direction of our new Minister, Rev. Janice Waltz and Sunday school is offered to children. We turn no one away for all are welcome into our house of prayer.

November 29:	1st Sunday of Advent - Hope 10am
December 6:	2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace 10am
December 13:	3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy 10am, Children's Pageant & White Gift at 2:00 pm - an afternoon of carol singing followed by a Potluck meal.
December 20:	4th Sunday of Advent - Love 10am
December 24:	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm (No service on December 27th)

On December 13 at 2 p.m. we will be hosting an afternoon of Carol Singing with guest choirs, The Drifters, The Didsbury Valley Voices Choir, our own Knox Choir and special guest singers Windsong, a Ladies Quartet. Everyone is invited to this gathering and the service will be followed by a Potluck Supper. Please come out for an afternoon of carol singing honouring the Christ Child.

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Mountain View Colt Tyson Schmidt celebrates after scoring the game-winning goal against goalie Ryan Bardick and defenseman Brett Marsollier of the Red Deer Vipers. *Noel West/MVP Staff*

Colts slip into second place

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts are in second place for the first time this season behind the Airdrie Thunder in the northern division of the Heritage Junior B Hockey League.

The Colts split last week's games, on Nov. 25 with a 3-1 win over the Red Deer Vipers and on Nov. 28 with a 5-2 loss in Banff to the Academy Bears.

The Thunder have 16 victories and five defeats for 32 points in the standings while the Colts have 15 wins and four losses for 30 points, and two games in hand over the Thunder.

At the Banff Recreation Centre Saturday, the Colts jumped into the lead on a goal from Cole Sutherland assisted by Jack Vergouwen and the first period ended with the Colts ahead of the Banff Academy Bears 1-0.

However, Banff scored a torrent of four unanswered goals in the second period. The marksmen were Nathan Cohen-Wallis, Morgan Poirier and Rei Kikuchi who scored twice.

In the third period, Tyson Schmidt tallied once, assisted by Colton Anderson, and Therann Kincross scored for the Bears.

The game ended 5-2 in Banff's favour. The Bears hold fourth place in the southern division with only nine wins

and the Colts thumped them in the season-opener on Sept. 18 by a score of 6-3.

In the Wednesday contest, Tyson Schmidt beat Viper goalie Ryan Bardick for the game-winning goal against Red Deer in the 13th minute of the second period, on a pass from Colton Anderson.

The two teams had each scored in the first period. Ryan Klinck got the first marker assisted by Anderson and Schmidt, but Drew Joslin of the Vipers tied the game less than two minutes later on a power play after Colts defenceman Dennis Lawrence was sent to the sin bin for roughing.

Clinton Armitage rounded out the scoring with an unassisted empty-netter with 11 seconds remaining in the game after the Vipers pulled their goaltender for a sixth attacker.

Penalties were not a factor against the Colts in the two games, with only one power-play goal, and that scored by the Colts against the Vipers.

Banff was called for 12 infractions compared to eight for the Colts. In the Red Deer game, the Colts were penalized six times compared to the Vipers at four and there were no penalties in the third period.

The Colts tend to lose the rougher games with more penalties called against both them and their opponent.

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The Didsbury Dragons 9-man football team celebrated its season at an awards dinner Nov. 17. Named the team's stars for the 2015 season are, from left, Most Valuable Player Jonas Haeni, Defensive Player of the Year David Aebersold, Spirit of the Dragon Nils Haeni, and Rookie of the Year Kaydin "Juicy" Knutson. Head coach Mark Lefebvre is on the right.

Country Christmas

A Big Heartfilled Thank You to the members of the Didsbury Car Club, Personal Electric, Gord & Donna Leeson, Councillor Kim Moore, Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy and the Chamber's VP Dennis Ranks for graciously helping with Country Christmas Garlands.

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Didsbury's & District Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to lighting up 19th Avenue next year.

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Merry Christmas to All

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High-speed parking lot collision injures one

BY LEA SMALDON
MVP Staff

Aided by a handcuff-wielding member of the public, RCMP arrested a suspected drug impaired dangerous driver moments after he plowed into vehicles in the parking area of Ross Ford School just before noon on Nov. 20.

One woman was seriously injured when a pickup truck heading west on 20th Avenue launched over the intersection, struck her vehicle, smashed into a parked minivan, hit a fence and dragged it until it came to a stop.

"Upon arrival, when we located the 41-year old male driver he was sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle smoking some kind of drug from a pipe," said Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Clint Gulash.

The suspect resisted arrest, said Gulash, and as the arresting officer was trying to get him under control a bystander helped handcuff him.

When Gulash first arrived on scene, he said the amount of damage was mind-boggling.

"When I got there I was like how could this even have occurred. I was having trouble even understanding how such a high level collision that would cause that much damage in town until we started talking to people," said Gulash.

Motorists called 911 that morning to report an erratic driver, weaving in and out of traffic and driving on the wrong side of the road, first on Highway 2 at the Didsbury overpass and then on Highway 582, heading west into Didsbury.

As Didsbury RCMP were responding to the complaints, another 911 call came in about a collision at Ross Ford.

"He drove through town at, from what we've been able to gather from witnesses, between 80 to 100 kilometres an hour straight through town, went right through four-way stops driving on the wrong side of the road," said Gulash.

As the truck approached the intersection of 20th Avenue and 23rd Street, it came on the right side of a man turning left, hit the boulevard, launched over the intersection and collided first with a blue Chevy Blazer driving out of the parking area of the school, witnesses reported.

While the female child in the backseat was uninjured save for some spilled hot chocolate, Gulash said the adult female driver sustained a

serious shoulder injury. "There's a tearing of the muscle. Basically, I believe what they said is that she'll never be able to fully raise her arm again," said Gulash.

The entire incident could have been a lot worse, he added, had the Blazer been hit on the driver's side door or if students had been dismissed for lunch.

The driver left the scene and then returned to sit in the truck, witnesses reported. The suspect was found there

smoking what police suspect was drugs from a pipe.

While police found no drugs, Gulash said he suspects "he smoked the last of what he had" which was "most likely crack cocaine."

A 41-year-old male from Newfoundland is charged with dangerous driving causing bodily harm, impaired driving causing bodily harm, and resisting arrest. Released on bail and was to appear in Didsbury provincial court yesterday.

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Opinion

Editorial

Tear down those silos

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

One successful business in Didsbury is the silo business.

If they were actual buildings that the town could tax, we wouldn't worry about property tax increases.

Although we could argue whether they are R5 or R2, and does yours cast a shadow on mine?

One of the unexpected delights of being a small town weekly newspaper editor is the number of walk-in stories told by the people who just drop by the office to visit.

One of the mysteries is that many of these visitors spend their days in a silo.

I'm not talking about those towers by barns that farmers used to store corn and such back in the day, although I knew a man who slept with his brothers from May to September in the family's silo.

The silo was the best place to store boys on summer nights for a very poor farm family of 11 crammed into a tiny CPR house that the parents ordered from the catalogue and was delivered in prefabricated pieces on the train.

The silos in Didsbury don't have an actual roof or visible walls, but they do store people.

Cliques, factions and mavericks flourish in a small community. It's human nature to build them and they are more obvious in a rural town than a city.

I once counted the number of political parties organized in Alberta since its inception in 1905 and stopped at 20-something.

Not counting the ones that were a farmer changing the world from his tractor who posted political messages on his fence and ran as an independent.

Most of these parties started in rural towns and villages. Most were just silos that isolated the people who couldn't agree with another party.

Didsbury is at a crossroads, looking for social and cultural purpose and economic growth.

We'd have a competitive advantage if we tore down those silos and learned to work together.

Letters

Heart felt thanks

As the Poppy Campaign representative for Didsbury I would like to extend my appreciation, along with the thanks of the Carstairs Legion Br. #53 and the many veterans in need.

We would like to show our gratitude for your generous donations this 2015 Poppy Campaign.

Thank you very much.

Barb Hanna Dodman
Poppy Campaign Rep.
Didsbury & Area

Thanks to CP train operators

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the train operators that pass through Didsbury every night. For the last couple of months I have noticed that they are controlling (feathering) their whistle blasts at night. I am sure that this action greatly improves the quality of sleep for people living close to the rail line and I'm sure it does not diminish the safety aspect at the crossings. Thanks again from a well rested Didsbury resident.

Ron Jacobson
Didsbury

Letters

Re: Henry Goerzen and the war

This is to address the article Frank Dabbs wrote on Henry Goerzen and the Mennonite war. From it, I get the impression that Mr. Goerzen is not very enamoured with our military, its purpose or its veterans.

If he is still musing 70 years later as to whether the war against Hitler and his fascist allies was just and necessary, perhaps he needs to read up on some of the atrocities committed by this evil cabal. Appeasing your enemies will never turn them into your friends. As Churchill noted, it only means that they will 'eat you last.'

There is a bit of hypocrisy in Mr. Goerzen's beliefs, as his sect identifies itself as Christian, but denigrates those from his community who did 'heed the higher call' and volunteered to defend our way of life.

Why they did it is not important, but what is, is that they did, to which we owe them all a great debt which can never be repaid. Being an entirely volunteer force,

these men and women were very aware of what might be asked of them, and yet they joined up anyway.

We should all take to heart a quote attributed to Edmund Burke, in that: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing". It is because of these good men who fought in two world wars, saw action in Korea, and countless other conflicts where Canadians battled, that we all enjoy the freedoms we have today. They made that decision, because they were there not just for themselves, their family or country, but ultimately for the safeguarding of our humanity.

It is important to note that it is not the journalist who guarantees us the 'Freedom of the Press', but the soldier, willing to confront those who would take that right away from us.

George Orwell probably stated it best with these words: "People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men

stand ready to do violence on those who would do them harm".

And it is particularly important to remember that these Canadian 'Rough Men' went to a foreign continent to keep the war, and its evil, away from our shores. This entailed a huge sacrifice, when one considers they were away from home and family for years until the war ended or they made 'the Ultimate Sacrifice'.

This is why it is important to honour and remember all those who fought, not just on Nov. 11, but every day, as they are deserving of our utmost respect and gratitude. As John 15:13 states: "For no greater love hath he, than he who is willing to lay down his life for his friends".

Perhaps next year we could have a whole page devoted to one of our veterans, which would be more meaningful, enlightening and respectful.

May we always honour and remember them.

Paul Nielsen
Carstairs

Rezoning push is financial

It is with amusement and much disgust that I write this. Just finished reading the article in today's (Nov. 24) paper by Frank Dabbs regarding the Plewises' rezoning for their land. The tone of the article suggested that because the Plewises have lived here for 38 years and operate a business of national serving that they should have some special benefits. So what!

It should not matter whether they have been here one year or 38 years. Everyone living here, paying taxes here, contributing to life here in Didsbury should be on an equal scale. Yes, I recognize the value of 38 years of living here and contributing to the town you live in. I, with my wife, have lived in Didsbury for over 19 years.

There is something that attracts people to live here in Didsbury and something that keeps people living here. As a resident, you should want to contribute and to give back to the spirit and soul of

Didsbury without expecting something in return.

The only reason I see for the Plewises to be so aggressive with this rezoning push is financial! The parcel of land in its current zoning is worth far less than the aggressive R5 rezoning that they are pushing. Why don't they sell it with the current zoning and let the development company fight for the rezoning rights and headaches.

So I ask the ultimate question then, is aggressively pursuing an aggressive R5 rezoning on a parcel of land for a potential extremely high-density impact on a delicate existing area of town really beneficial to the town or more beneficial to the Plewises financially.

Remember that there isn't any one of us more special than the other and that's how we all live together in harmony.

Thank you.
Grant Seendsen, Didsbury

Council, take the lead

There is no more obvious issue for growing Didsbury's future than the need for council to take the lead in economic development and tourism initiatives. It's true Shantz Crossing is ready and waiting for industry to move to Didsbury. But let's not wait around hoping that the eggs in this one basket will not break. It's true times are tough. We must stand out as highly engaged and strong proponents of a variety of economic development opportunities, then projects, that are looking for welcoming arms, will happen here.

At the recent council meeting, as a frequent gallery participant, I urged council to restore an economic development and tourism committee. Why?

1. There is no better time than right now to stand out from the crowd as 'the place' to do business. Why not Didsbury!

2. Council leadership is key for maintaining credibility through accountability and providing coordination for a growing community interest as listed below. There already are budget dollars designated towards economic development.

3. Interest initiatives are already in the works:

- From the chamber of commerce and its ABCD committee,
- To some councillors attending conferences on economic initiatives such as Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) plus positive interest in the Tourism Business Development

and Investment Attraction (TBDA) Branch and its proposed Investment Opportunity Study,

• To individual initiatives such as the push I'm making towards an economic development and tourism forum to help gather input, bring awareness, and capitalize on momentum from the silent majority at the grassroots level; and by Kevin Bentley, on his own time and dime, gathering and sharing credible research on economic development and tourism in this region.

If you are, as I am, interested in or willing to serve on an economic development and tourism committee, let council know.

Norm Quantz
Didsbury

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HORVATH

John Horvath was born October 2, 1923 in Kethely, Hungary and as he wished, he passed away peacefully at home on November 25, 2015 at 92 years of age. John had a few different careers in Europe, including being a chauffeur in France before coming to Canada (Quebec) in 1952 at 29 years of age. He moved to Alberta and would frequently visit the Hungarian Club in Calgary where he met Ethel and they were married on September 7, 1956. They lived in Calgary, Black Diamond and bought a farm near Cremona in 1970. John became a professional painter and was a member of the Union of Painters and Allied Trades. He had many interesting facilities that he painted, including the Cold Lake Air Base, Foothills Hospital, Spy Hill Facility and was on the work crew who painted the Calgary Saddledome when it was first built. He commuted for 20+ years from the Cremona farm to work at the Woodward's store at Chinook Centre and Market Mall. He also volunteered with others to paint the Cremona Hockey Arena when it was newly built. John had a strong liking for sports, including soccer, and track and field (competitive shot putting). He supported his kids in their participation in hockey, volleyball, basketball, badminton and track and field. He would support his grandchildren by going to local baseball games in the summer time. His very favorite sport was hockey. He was an enthusiastic and passionate supporter of various levels of hockey. He attended every year (except 2) of the Mac's Midget Hockey Tournament since its inception. He was a great fan of the Calgary Flames. He would encourage children of all ages to pursue their passion in sports and to excel to their highest level. He was known at all of the local hockey arenas and gained many friends throughout the years. His favorite sayings were 'never give up' and 'smile!' He was predeceased by his mother Terezia Baniz and his father Janos Horvath. John is survived by his wife Ethel of 59 years; 3 children Ray (Cheryl) Horvath; Glen (Carolyn) Horvath; Gay-Lynn (Ron) Hettinger; 4 grandchildren Troy, Travis, Jared and Miranda; 5 great-grandchildren Wyatt, Morgan, Mackenzie, Scarlett and Kyver. As per John's wishes, no formal service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cremona Minor Hockey program are acceptable. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Didsbury entrusted with arrangements. 403-335-4773 • www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



100. Announcements 100. Announcements

Doug and Brenda Mantai are pleased to announce the marriage of their son,

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to
Fayth King

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